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1. North Vietnam

Details are still coming in on the shootdown this morning of a US aircraft some 40 miles west of Hanoi, evidently by a surface-to-air missile.

The indicated site of the incident is beyond the range of a missile fired from any of the five detected surface-to-air missile sites ringing Hanoi.

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This raises the possibility that there is a prepared missile site at this location which has not shown up in photography.

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There are other signs of a growing North Vietnamese air defense capability. Signals from an airborne radar were intercepted in the Hanoi area this week, indicating that Hanoi has jet fighters with a night and all-weather ability.

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3. Japan

Prime Minister Sato's Liberal Democrats lost their majority in the Tokyo municipal assembly elections yesterday.

Complete returns show that the Liberal Democrats now hold 38 seats and the Socialists 45. This means that the Liberal Democrats will have to work in coalition with the fundamentalist "Clean Government Party," which now holds 23 seats, on major issues in order to stay in power.

The Socialists and Communists in turn will likely make a greater effort now to blacken Sato's foreign policy. As a result, there will probably be louder noises coming from Tokyo against Japanese support of the US in Vietnam.

4. USSR

The government newspaper Izvestia will not publish an evening edition today, according to an unconfirmed press report. This has happened occasionally in the past to allow both Pravda and Izvestia to hit the streets together the next morning with important policy pronouncements.

5. Dominican Republic

Discipline in the loyalist army shows signs of breaking down.

An intercepted Dominican police message on Thursday reported that enlisted men at San Cristobal had placed two of their officers under arrest. One of the officers was a regimental commander at the fort in San Cristobal and the other was a battalion commander. The deputy chief of staff of the army was in San Cristobal to investigate the incident.

The strike of sugar mill workers at La Romana may be only temporarily suspended. The workers went back to their jobs following the release of three of their labor leaders from prison.

The Nicaraguan ambassador to the US, Sevilla-Sacasa, has said that he may be compelled to recommend the withdrawal of the Nicaraguan contingent in the Inter-American Peace Force if ways are not found to improve their pay and living conditions.

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6. Greece

Leftist elements are now planning their general strike for Tuesday. They have reportedly decided against a nationwide walkout in favor of a concerted effort in the Athens-Piraeus area where the Communists are especially well organized.

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